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Russian Need for Railroad Equipment

1. Most of the important East German metallurgical industries are fairly free to put their production on the export market. The Russians are not displaying interest in war material in the form of arms and ammunition, but they are very interested in acquiring railway material in the form of locomotives and rolling stock. Considerable quantities of this material are being taken from East Germany. Old cars are dismantled and the axles and wheels are sent to Russia for reconditioning for the Russian railroads.
2. The Russians are also making heavy demands on East German industry for replacements and spare parts for the factories, electrical industries, etc. in Russia purchased from and installed by Germans since 1921.
3. The directors of the East German trade organization, D.I.A., estimate that not less than 200 trains leave daily from various parts of East Germany for Russian and Polish destinations loaded with the types of goods mentioned above and also foodstuffs and farm products.

Drugs for China

4. In regard to Chinese requirements of drugs, these cannot be obtained in East Germany.

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